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in the University of Nebraska. The author traces the passage of the holy day into the holiday among many savage and barbarian peoples.

WERGELUND, A.M. *History of the working class in France*. (Chicago: Univ. Chicago Press. 1916.)

WILLIAMS, J. B. *A guide to some aspects of English social history, 1750-1850*. (New York: Columbia University. 1916. Pp. 149.)

WRONG, LANGTON, and WALLACE, editors. *Review of historical publications relating to Canada*. University of Toronto studies, vol. XX of publications of the year 1915. (Toronto: Univ. Toronto Press. 1916. Pp. xii, 224. \$1.50.)

The Baltimore book. Fifth edition. (Baltimore: Meyer & Thalheimer. 1916. Pp. 192. 25c.)

Mexico. A financial handbook. (New York: Mechanics and Metals National Bank. 1916. Pp. 45.)

Philadelphia year book, 1917. In two volumes, English and Spanish. (Philadelphia: Publication Office, 1010 Arch St. 1916.)

Provedimenti in materia di economia e di finanza emanati in Francia in seguito alla guerra Europea. Part I. *August 1, 1914, to July 31, 1915*. (Rome: Ministero di Agricoltura, Industria e Commercio. 1916. Pp. 368.)

Agriculture, Mining, Forestry, and Fisheries

NEW BOOKS

ANTRIM, E. I. *Fifty million strong; or, our rural reserve*. (Van Wert, O.: Pioneer Press. 1916. Pp. vii, 152. 75c.)

BOWLES, O. *The technology of marble quarrying*. Bulletin 106. (Washington: Dept. of the Interior. 1916. Pp. 174.)

CARVER, T. N. *Selected readings in rural economics*. Selections and documents in economics, edited by W. Z. Ripley. (Boston: Ginn. 1916. Pp. 974. \$2.80.)

All the volumes in this series have been either used or carefully examined by the writer of this review, and in his judgment none is superior to this one in excellence, timeliness, or usefulness in connection with college instruction. The selections must be accepted as the best to be had; though some of them are only fair and a few are faulty. Some of the reprints are translations, which are generally not available in colleges of agriculture, and others come from sources found only in the most thoroughly stocked libraries.

The field covered includes general principles of rural economics, agricultural history (both European and American), land tenure (a study of both landownership and tenancy), agricultural labor, the farmer's business (farm accounting, management, etc.), agrarian movements in the United States, rural organization and marketing,

and general agricultural policy. Probably each specialist in this field of study is inclined to give different weight to the various subjects covered, and it is therefore not unfair for the writer to wonder why only two short articles are presented on the fundamental topic of agricultural labor and at least ten on land tenure. It would seem that Professor Carver did not have in mind to present selections in proportion to the importance of the several subjects.

The growing demand for such material in the agricultural colleges and the many small colleges and universities would welcome a second compilation.

JOHN LEE COULTER.

GARDNER, F. D. *Successful farming; a ready reference on all phases of agriculture for farmers of the United States and Canada.* (Philadelphia: Winston. 1916. Pp. 1088. \$2.50.)

HALL, A. D. *Agriculture after the war.* (London: Murray. 1916. Pp. 137. 3s. 6d.)

JENNINGS, H. *The history and development of gold dredging in Montana. With a chapter on placer-mining methods and operating costs,* by C. JANIN. Bulletin 121. (Washington: Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Mines. 1916. Pp. 63.)

JOHNSTON, J. H. C. *A national agricultural policy.* (London: King. 1916. 6d.)

LEWIS, A. D. *Irrigation and settlement in Africa.* (Pretoria: Gov. Prtg. Office. 1915. Pp. 258.)

WOOD, T. B. and HOPKINS, F. G. *Food economy in war time.* (Cambridge: Univ. Press. 1915. 6d.)

YERKES, A. P. and CHURCH, L. M. *An economic study of the farm tractor in the corn belt.* Farmers' Bull. 719. (Washington: Dept. Agr. 1916. Pp. 24.)

Manufacturing Industries

The Butter Industry in the United States. An Economic Study of Butter and Oleomargarine. By EDWARD WIEST. Columbia University Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law, Vol. LXIX, No. 2. (New York: Longmans, Green and Company. 1916. Pp. 264. \$2.00.)

The history of the butter industry is described, covering such phases as the evolution of the factory system, the introduction of the cream separator, and the invention of the Babcock tester. Figures are presented which show the tendency toward concentration in large creameries. Attention is given to the development of coöperation in cow-testing, in breeding, and in the ownership of butter factories. Census figures indicate that 24 per cent of